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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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FSIS NOTICE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE USDA PPQ/FSIS NOTIFICATION FOR PERISHABLE COOKED RUMINANT OR COOKED SWINE MEAT FROM RESTRICTED COUNTRIES

I. Why is FSIS issuing this notice?

FSIS is issuing this notice to announce that import inspection personnel will complete an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Plant Protection Quarantine (PPQ) notification sheet after inspecting cooked ruminant or cooked swine meat from restricted countries. The use of this notification sheet will improve the tracking of imported under-processed meat products and help prevent them from entering the United States. APHIS/PPQ has the responsibility for preventing the importation of perishable cooked meat from restricted countries where there is a presence of certain diseases (such as rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), swine vesicular disease, hog cholera, and African swine fever). Import inspection personnel currently perform product examinations for "pink juices" on every lot of cooked meat imported from a country that is affected with FMD. The only change in duties will be that import inspection personnel will complete Section B of the notification sheet, fax it to the appropriate APHIS/PPQ office, and maintain a copy in the files.

II. Who initiates the notification sheet?

A. APHIS/PPQ will initiate the notification sheet (see attached *USDA PPQ/FSIS NOTIFICATION FOR PERISHABLE COOKED RUMINANT OR COOKED SWINE MEAT FROM RESTRICTED COUNTRIES*) when they are notified of the arrival of a shipment of perishable cooked meat at a port of entry. The notification sheet will be used to track the shipment from APHIS to FSIS. The notification sheet will be returned to APHIS as a confirmation that the inspection by FSIS was completed before the product was released into commerce.

1. APHIS responsibilities:

An APHIS/PPQ officer will complete Section A of the notification sheet and include the port shipment ID information, country of origin, meat certificate number, species, seal number (if required). The APHIS/PPQ officer will also indicate on the notification sheet whether a pink juice test is required or not required (see 5A of the notification sheet). The APHIS/PPQ officer will send the notification sheet via a professional courier service (Fed Ex, Air Borne, DHL,

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Mgt; TRA; ABB; PRD; Import
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etc.) to the attention of the “FSIS Inspector in Charge” at the Import Establishment indicated in section 7A of the notification sheet. To prevent tampering or manipulation of the notification sheet, the APHIS/PPQ officer will place the notification sheet in a sealed official government envelope and will insert the sealed envelope into the courier service envelope and address it to the FSIS inspector at the appropriate I-House.

2. FSIS import inspector responsibilities:

FSIS import inspection personnel will receive the notification sheet at the import establishment directly from the courier service or from an official of the I-House who signed for the delivery. If the sealed official government envelope within the courier envelope has been opened or tampered with or the seal on the shipment has been broken, the import inspector will immediately notify the APHIS/PPQ office indicated in Section A of the notification sheet. If approved by the Circuit Supervisor, container seals may be broken by a designated plant employee and made available to import inspection personnel.

Import inspection personnel will follow the instructions as provided for completion of the notification sheet. Import inspection personnel will FAX the completed notification sheet to the APHIS/PPQ FAX number indicated in Section A of the notification sheet. Completed sheets should be faxed on the same day the reinspection is completed. Import inspection personnel will file the fully completed and signed notification along with the pink copy of the FSIS Form 9540-1. The notification sheets must be filed separately by country and arranged in numerical order by health certificate number.

/s/

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USDA PPQ/FSIS NOTIFICATION FOR PERISHABLE COOKED RUMINANT OR COOKED SWINE MEAT FROM RESTRICTED COUNTRIES (PRINT OR TYPE)

Section A: USDA/APHIS/PPQ

Today's Date: _____

Port of arrival: _____

Phone number: _____ FAX number _____

1A. Port shipment ID(s) [Container, Bill, or Truck Entry Number] (Circle one):

2A. Country of origin _____

3A. Meat certificate number(s): _____

4A. Species: Ruminant ☐ Swine ☐

5A. PJT for FMD required at Rapid-Defrost facility? (Refer to SOP Part II, A)

YES ☐ (APHIS Authorized Hold) NO ☐

6A. Seal # (if required) _____ Foreign ☐ USDA ☐
(Containers of cooked meat requiring PJT must be sealed)

7A. Product to be transferred to the following FSIS I-house (identified by importer/broker):

Name of I-House _____

I-House Establishment Number _____

(**Note:** Only APHIS approved Rapid Defrost Facilities are eligible to conduct the PJT. Not all FSIS I-Houses are Rapid-Defrost Facilities; refer to Foreign Origin Ruminant Meats and Meat Products Section in the Animal Product Manual. Products not from FMD affected countries are not required to go to a Rapid Defrost Facility but must be forwarded to an FSIS I-House.)

8A. PPQ Officer: _____ Badge # _____
(PRINT)

(PPQ Port Office must retain a copy, Original to FSIS-I House)

Section B: USDA/FSIS: Fill out bottom portion **ONLY** for shipments requiring PJT or for shipments eligible for MIT testing and return entire page to USDA/APHIS/PPQ above.

Today's Date: _____

1B. The shipment was received intact (as specified above): YES ☐ NO ☐

2B. Is the meat boneless? YES ☐ NO ☐

3B. PJT performed? YES ☐ NO ☐

4B. If test was performed: Pink juice detected ☐ Pink juice **NOT** detected ☐

5B. Were samples selected for MIT testing? YES ☐ NO ☐

6B. FSIS Disposition: Released ☐ Rejected ☐ FSIS Hold ☐ Referred back to APHIS ☐

If Item # 1B, #2B, and/or #3B (if required) is NO, or pink juice is detected, immediately contact the USDA/APHIS/PPQ office indicated above.

7B. FSIS Inspector: _____ Badge # _____
(PRINT)

Section A is to be completed by USDA/APHIS/PPQ at the port of arrival, sealed into an official government envelope (OGE), and addressed "To Be Opened Only by USDA/FSIS Inspector". The OGE must be delivered by an APHIS contracted courier to the FSIS I-House listed in Section A. This form must be completed for all shipments of perishable cooked meat or meat products from restricted countries. Multiple meat/meat product shipments under the same Port Shipment ID number(s) may be documented on the same notification sheet. **Section B** is to be completed by USDA/FSIS.

SECTION A: **USDA/APHIS/PPQ** (Print or Type)

ITEM 1A: Enter the Port Shipment ID number(s) using either: Container number, Bill (Bill of Lading number/Air Way Bill number/Rail Bill number), **or** Truck Entry number. Circle the appropriate method.

ITEM 2A: Enter the country of origin of the product.

ITEM 3A: Enter the meat certificate number(s).

ITEM 4A: Enter the species of animal(s) from which the product was derived.

ITEM 5A: Indicate if a Pink Juice Test (PJT) is required to determine if the perishable cooked **RUMINANT** meat has been cooked sufficiently to deactivate Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). **The meat must originate from an APHIS approved foreign facility. There are NO APHIS approved facilities for cooking pork in FMD countries at this time.** A PJT is performed by an FSIS Inspector at the FSIS Rapid-Defrost Facility approved to perform this test.

ITEM 6A: Confirm and enter the seal number on the container(s).

ITEM 7A: Enter information on the FSIS I-House.

ITEM 8A: Print your name and badge number **legibly**. Make a copy for PPQ records.

SECTION B: **USDA/FSIS** (Print or Type)

Fill out the bottom portion of the sheet **ONLY** for shipments requiring the Pink Juice Test or shipments **eligible** for Maximum Internal Temperature (MIT) testing and return to the USDA/APHIS/PPQ office indicated in Section A of this sheet.

ITEM 1B: Check the appropriate box referring to whether the shipment arrived with the seal(s) intact and the seal number(s) match those listed in Item 6A.

ITEM 2B and ITEM 3B: Check the appropriate box.

ITEM 4B: Check the appropriate box. If on a PJT pink juices are detected, the shipment is to be **REFUSED ENTRY** by USDA/APHIS. Immediately notify the office listed in Section A of this sheet.

ITEM 5B: Indicate if samples of cooked swine meat from restricted countries were selected for the MIT testing at the FSIS laboratory.

ITEM 6B: Check the appropriate box.

ITEM 7B: Print your name and badge number **legibly**.